

Pandemic Plans for Schools

A Cooperative Effort With The
Department for Public Health

Features of Paducah's Plan

- Incorporates Infection Control & Social Distancing measures into a multi-layered non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) plan.
- Delays spread of cases
- Decreases the peak levels
- Decreases the number of cases
- Reduces the community morbidity and mortality rates
- Decreases the burden on healthcare infrastructure
- Allows schools to remain open
- Allows for food distribution to needy students
- Allows for increased health information dissemination
- Maintains a large workforce to continue employment
- Lessens monetary and social effects on community
- Promotes more efficient use of the NPI process in the community
- Establishes protocols and procedures that could have benefits in other large scale public health outbreaks
- Promote MOA's between school districts and DPH

Content of Plan

- Information on Flu and How it Spreads
- Coordination of Schools and DPH with NIMS
- Preparedness
 - Schools
 - Families
- Response
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- Recovery
 - Schools
 - Families
- Appendices

Information on Flu and How it Spreads

- Definitions of Terms
- How Flu Spreads
- Who is Most Affected
- Infection Control Methods

Coordination of Schools and DPH with NIMS

- Incident Management
 - Ensure Interoperability
 - Review Coordination of Plans
 - Follow ICS
 - Use Simple Communication Terminology
 - Provide Timely & Accurate Information To the Workers and the Public

Preparedness Procedures

- Prevention & Mitigation Efforts for Schools
 - Training
 - Collaborative Efforts with DPH
 - Staffing Configuration Changes
 - Service Delivery Model Change
 - Individual Sessions with Staff and Students
 - Appointments for Services
 - Social Distancing
 - Continuation of Services
 - Food Distribution
 - Instruction
 - Employment
 - Information for Families
 - Additional Safety & Security Measures
 - Additional Communications Measures

Preparedness Procedures

- Prevention & Mitigation Efforts for Families
 - Stockpile Food & Medical Supplies
 - Teach “Social Distancing” Measures to Family
 - Teach Infection Control Measures to Family
 - Cleanliness Habits
 - Food Handling
 - Review Employment & Childcare Issues
 - Establish Communication with Schools
 - Awareness of School Pandemic Plan
 - Review Public Service Announcements on Radio/TV

Response Procedures

- Response Efforts for Schools
 - Provide Information to Staff & Community
 - Coordinate Services with DPH
 - Activate Revised Staffing Patterns & Rules
 - Activate Revised Instructional Protocol
 - Individual Appointments
 - Social Distancing
 - Activate Revised Food Distribution Protocol
 - Provide Supplies and PPE

Response Procedures

- Response Efforts for Families
 - Review School and Community Plans
 - Practice Infection Control Measures
 - Practice “Social Distancing” Measures
 - Monitor Food and Medical Supplies
 - Check on Elderly and Disabled
 - Obtain Vaccine ASAP
 - Provide Assistance with Student Assignments

Recovery Procedures for Schools

- Review Staff & Student Attendance
- Review Collaboration with DPH
- Review Achievement Gains
- Review Protocols & Procedures
- Begin Stockpiling Supplies & Food

Recovery Procedures for Families

- Provide Feedback to Schools & DPH
- Restock Supplies & Medicines
- Provide Remedial Assistance if Behind in Academic Progress
- Continue to Obtain Flu Vaccine Regularly